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Cabinet Member for Personnel, Performance Management and Economic Development

Corporate Asset Management Plan

SUMMARY

1.1 The Corporate Asset Management Plan (AMP) is produced annually. It details arrangements for property asset management, gives an overview of key property issues facing the Council and strategies for resolving these, progress on last year's AMP and performance information.

RECOMMENDATION

2. To approve the Corporate AMP.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. Most services that the Council provide are delivered from Council owned buildings. The right property in the right place can make the difference between good and poor service delivery. It is essential that property assets are managed so that maximum benefit is gained from them. The AMP provides an overview of the key property issues facing the Council and proposes strategies for resolving these. It also assists with the planning and prioritisation of the capital programme.



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Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Corporate Asset Management Plan (AMP) details existing Asset Management arrangements and outcomes, and planned action to improve Asset use. For the purpose of the Plan, assets refer to property generally, excluding Housing and Highways' assets.
- 1.2 Asset Management is included in the Comprehensive Performance Assessment under use of Resources. This plan is written in a style suited to issues in this Council, and to reflect the guidance from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the Department for Communities and Local Government (DGLG). It also addresses the key lines of enquiry in the CPA.
- 1.3 The AMP is attached at Appendix 2.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2. None.

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 The AMP identifies key issues facing the Council in terms of its property assets, including the estimated cost of maintenance backlog. A strategy to reduce maintenance backlog is included as Appendix 3 of the Plan.
- 1.2 The AMP assists in determining spending priorities as part of the Revenue and Capital Budget process.
- 1.3 Management of the building stock is becoming more resource intensive due to its condition and to the increasingly onerous health and safety requirements, for example water hygiene, asbestos management, and fire precautions.

Legal

2. None.

Personnel

3.1 The RICS/ODPM guidance advises that sufficient capacity need to be available to carry out strategic asset management. All departments, with the exception of Corporate Services and Children & Young Peoples Department, have limited resources for asset management.

Equalities impact

4. The AMP provides brief information on the progress of implementing improvements and access to buildings under the Disability Discrimination Act.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. Buildings have a significant impact on the quality, cost and effectiveness of services provided with them. Affective Asset Management, design and procurement therefore contribute directly or indirectly to meeting most of the Council's objectives and priorities.